

Comment to FCC about Internet access

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I support an open Internet with minimal control by corporations, only enough to effectively manage traffic.

I'm an independent photographer dependent on reliable, fast, affordable Internet access. I maintain a website and blog and use the Internet extensively for my research. Allowing full corporations to establish differentials, charging some higher or lower rates preferentially, would probably put me at less advantage than larger businesses. It might also foster censorship if providers could judge what is allowable political content.

In addition, both of my daughters rely on free Internet access. One is a photographer marketing some of her work over the Internet and the other has a business selling yoga mats for children. Neither is big business and might also be put at a disadvantage if corporations further their control of the pipes.

Thank you for considering my arguments.

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